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Forever seeking protection from the Lord of '*Falaq*'

CHAPTER 113

SŪRA AL-FALAQ

(*Revealed before Hijra*)

Context and Subject-Matter

This and the next *Sūra* are so closely linked as regards their subject-matter that though they are complete in themselves and independent of each other, the *Sūra* that follows *viz.*, Al-Nās, may be regarded as complementary to the present *Sūra*. This *Sūra* deals with one aspect of the same subject while the next *Sūra* deals with the other. Both the *Sūrās* together are called *Mu'awwidhatān* meaning, "the two *Sūrās* that afford protection," because both of them open with the expression " I seek refuge in the Lord."

It is like installing a "**Firewall**" of protection on your computer -- active at all times!

Forever preach "*Tau'heed*" – Oneness of God

Subject-Matter

The connection of these two *Sūrās* with *Sūra* Al-Ikhlāṣ consists in the fact that in that *Sūra* believers were enjoined to proclaim to the whole world that God is One and Unique, that He is far above anything or any person being a partner in His Divinity. In these two *Sūrās* the believers are told that they should not be afraid of any tyrant, dictator or ruler in the discharge of this sacred duty and should hold the firm belief that God is the sole Director and Controller of the whole universe and that He has the power to protect His votaries from any harm or injury which the forces of darkness might seek to do them.

Though constituting an integral part of the Qur'ān, these two *Sūrās* may be regarded as forming a sort of epilogue to it. The main body of the Qur'ān seems to end with *Sūra* Al-Ikhlāṣ, which recapitulates, as it were, in a nutshell, the basic Quranic principles, and in these two *Sūrās* believers are enjoined to seek Divine protection against deviating from the right path and against the mischiefs and evils which might adversely affect their material well-being and spiritual development. The Holy Prophet used to recite these two *Sūrās* regularly before going to bed.

Surah *Al-Ikh'laas* (Ch. 113)

1. [a]In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

2. Say, 'I seek refuge in the Lord of the dawn[b],[4871]

3. 'From the evil of that which He has created,

4. 'And from the evil of darkness when it overspreads.[4872]

5. 'And from the evil of those who blow upon the knots *of mutual relationships to undo them*,[4873]

6. 'And from the evil of the envier when he envies.'[4874]

One Attribute of God: ***"Rabb"***

- Deals with **4 kinds of evils**, or hardships

Meaning of "*Falaq*"

- 1000 years of "Darkness of the Night" that enveloped Islam, eventually yielded way to the
- Dawn of Hope, with the era of Imam Mahdi a.s.

1. Dawn (subtle separation of 'darkness' and 'daylight')
2. Daybreak
3. Plain appearance of Truth (after it had been 'doubtful' for a while)
4. The entire creation
5. Hell (and its torment, whether in this life or the next-life)
6. The level field between two mountain-peaks (moderate behavior; no extremes)
7. Splitting of a grain and its germinating, to sprout -- (when something splits, "new issues" can spring up)
8. The last remaining portion of milk, in a container.

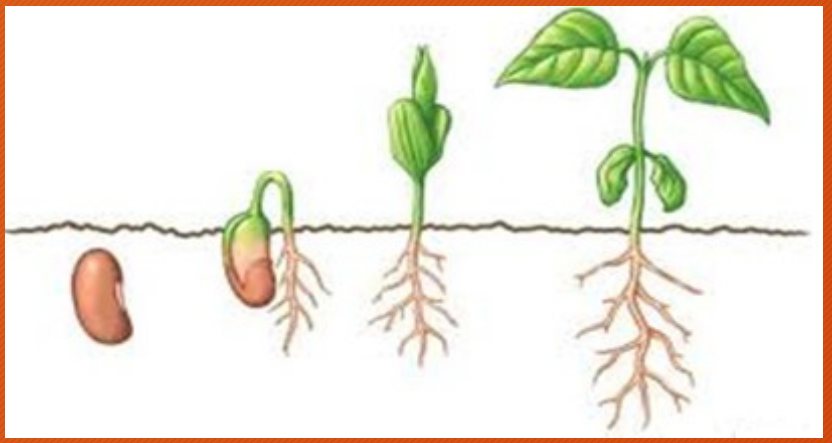
Fala q

Dawn

Level-field between two mountain peaks

Daybreak

Splitting of seeds -- **germination**



Hell

The last little portion of milk remaining **at the bottom of a cup**

I seek Allah’s protection from (the evil of)

Intense darkness when it overspreads

غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

Intense Darkness

Islam underwent a 1000 year period of darkness. Imam Mahdi came as the Dawn of Hope

Eclipse of Moon

Implies the era of the Promised Messiah (Sign of Lunar & Solar Eclipse)

Very deep hole or ditch; shadow of its one side falls on the other side

- When spiritual darkness envelops the world from all directions

- Grave is a “hole”/ ditch.

“I seek refuge of God from the accountability problems after I will enter my grave.”

Setting of Sun

Sunset sudden darkness

Implies the era when the Holy Prophet s.a.s. passed away and Islam entered “a 1000 year period of darkness”

النَّفّٰثٰتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ

Evil, Satanic, suggestions are like “blowing into knots” to try to
loosen them, or weaken or destroy mutual relationships; decline in family structure; rise of same-sex marriages, etc.

1. Weakening of ties with Religion and especially relationship with God
2. Erosion of family structure and family ties
3. New definitions and concepts of “marriage” etc.

Relationship

I seek Allah’s protection from (the evil of)
The Satanic Ideas that weaken the ties with God and Family relationships

Surah *Al-Nas* (Ch. 114)

Seeking God's Protection from Problems Created by Mankind for the World

1. "In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.
2. Say, 'I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind,[4875]
3. 'The [1]King of mankind,
4. 'The God of mankind,
5. 'From the evil of the whisperings of the sneaking whisperer.
6. 'Who whispers into the hearts of men,
7. 'From among Jinn and men.'[4876]

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مَلِكِ النَّاسِ ③
إِلَٰهِ النَّاسِ ④
مِن شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ ⑤
الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ ⑥
مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ ⑦

3 Attributes of God:
- *Rabb*
- *Malik*
- *Ilaah*

Deal with <u>one big source</u> of all evils – "the suggestion of evil ideas by Satan", into human mind.

When Man becomes "*Rabb*", "*Malik*", "*I'laah*

- **Democracy**: I seek God's protection in an era when the system of "Government of the People" assumes the role of "Rabb" for human-beings; whereas, O Allah! You are the Real Rabb (provider of all man's needs, resources, solutions).

- **Foreign Relations**: I seek God's protection from the problems (and evils) arising in an era when one country has power over several "foreign countries" through International Treaties etc., whereas, O Allah! You are the Real Ruler.

- **Atheism**: I seek God's protection in an era when the society is swept by philosophies and ideas that Political, Economic, and Military Power of a country is to be "worshipped"; whereas, O Allah! You are the only one Who is Worthy of being Worshipped."

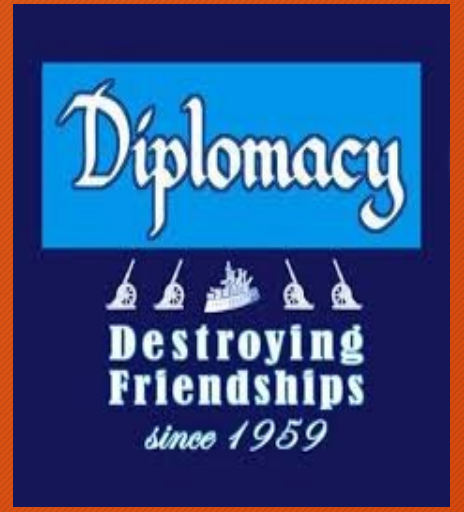
Seeking God's protection from the evils of the "whisperings of the Sneaking Whisperer"

شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ ۙ الْخَنَّاسِ

Al-Khan'naas: One who places an evil suggestion in someone's mind, then quickly withdraws into the background – instigating one into an action, and bear its bad consequences alone.

This depicts the "modern society" ...

الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ



- Modern "Diplomacy" (throwing a "feeler" in public domain and waiting for its impact)
- Espionage and "Cold War" techniques
- powerful Corporate Interest Groups
- Lobbying groups (political; medical; defence; commercial scientific research etc.)
- Advocay firms and
- Social Media (various "videos that go viral" – consisting of sneaking ideas, suggestions, to achieve any selfish agenda)

These forces influence public opinion (even governments!) to achieve their own selfish agenda.

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